



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Gene Ditter called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. A quorum was established. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Other members present: Gary Rychard, Bob Brundage, Van Schoenborn and Brian Kauffman; Staff present: Carol Ditter, Office Assistant; Jason Devine, Public Works Maintenance Specialist; Rich Sebens, Chief of Police. Absent Steve Tabor, City Attorney, Carrie Corcoran, City Recorder & Alan Frost, Public Works Director. There were 9 people in the audience.

ADDITIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Gene added the City wide clean up day and the I Serve program to be discussed in presentations or comments.

PRESENTATIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- I Serve – A church group once a year does one day projects for cities or organizations to help serve the community. Examples, applying bark dust, painting, yard cleanups. Gene asked Jason to work with Alan on making up a list of possible projects they could do. They included a DVD that council may watch if they would like to.
- The Stayton Library had included a letter to all council members.
- The Oregon Mayors Association had sent a letter to Gene informing of the upcoming contest of school age children. It is an essay contest of "If I were Mayor". Gene will ask Carrie to send information out to the local schools.
- Several boys from Sublimity Elementary School had earlier interviewed Gene as Mayor for the new school newspaper. Gene had mentioned giving the school the old copier in Public Works that was given to the city from the Fire Dept. Jason will check into seeing if the copier is still in working order.

MOTION: Van Schoenborn made a motion to donate the surplus copier to Sublimity Elementary School to be used for their newspaper publishing, Bob Brundage, seconded the motion, unanimously approved.

- Van has talked with the garbage company and the city may do a city wide clean up day for yard debris (no garbage) at no charge to the city. This could also include recycling. The city would be charged for the hauling of any garbage. Discussion of one day or two day on a weekend and using of the Fire Dept. gravel lot. The day would also need to be staffed so that unwanted items were not dropped off. Van will talk with Carrie to schedule a date for the city wide clean up day.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Carol Ditter, Office Assistant
 - The supplemental budget is before the council and will be discussed shortly.
2. Jason Devine, Public Works
 - Approximately 200 radio read meters have now been installed
3. Police

- Welcome back to Chief Sebens. He had attended an FBI class for local law enforcement agencies to receive training that involved Networking with other law enforcement agencies, academic and physical training.
- Chief Sebens noted that the monthly stats show an increase in non-criminal incidents and also an increase in burglaries in the area.
- The police department will be doing a cross walk sting on Tuesday, April 14th. They announce the stings because of the grant they receive.
- Discussion of the property damage (Arson to city benches and vandalism of the play structure) by four juveniles that happened while the Chief was away. Gene asked that the City be informed in the future as soon as possible. The City was not informed until several weeks after the incident. Chief Sebens said the City would be notified more quickly if there would be any more incidents.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- A. Ordinance Business License:** Gene opened it up for discussion to the audience. The council does not intend to take action on this tonight, as Steve Tabor, the City's attorney will be available at the May meeting to answer any legal questions.

Gene stated that a business license was recommended by several state agencies as a tool for the City. Its purpose would be a data base of city businesses. (examples: track the location of businesses; changes in businesses; storing of chemicals and hazardous materials for Public Safety officials; and would update after hours contact numbers). The language of this draft ordinance was taken from Marion County and other existing city ordinances.

Don Silbernagel, a Sublimity business owner stated he has a concern that buildings that are not up to the current code would be required to update to the newest existing code or would not be allowed a business license. Gene said that it is not the intent of the city to close down businesses. The business license would allow the city to check on public safety issues. Gary said the license is not intended to be punitive to businesses but rather informative to the city and a marketing tool. The city would give every business who applies a license for a \$25.00 fee for new businesses with a \$5.00 annual renewal fee. Existing businesses would not be required to pay the original \$25.00 fee.

Wayne Stredronsky, a Sublimity resident, asked who would this information be shared with? Discussion followed, information would be shared with local public safety officials and parts could be shared with local community offices, such as the Chamber of Commerce. The city would not be collecting private or personal information.

Guy Barth, a Sublimity business owner, stated he thought that businesses needed to apply through the Planning Commission to open new businesses. Discussion included that sometimes a business can change and are not doing the same business that was applied for.

Melvin Diede, a Sublimity resident and business owner, has concerns that his business could be more affected by a business license then others. He would still be required to keep all the state and local licenses current for his business. Discussion of the council was that Mr. Diede had changed the original use of his business from pump and small motor repair to used appliance retail. A business license would require the city to be notified if the nature of a business changed.

Gene called for a short recess at 8:23pm. Meeting resumed at 8:30pm.

RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES:

- A. Resolution No. 0809-4, A Resolution to make Line-Transfers within the Water Fund.**

B. Resolution No. 0809-5, A Resolution to approve a proposed Supplemental Budget for the 2008-09 Fiscal Year.

Gene opened the Public Hearing and read each resolution by title. Discussion followed.

MOTION: Gary Rychard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 0809-4 and Resolution No. 0809-5—Resolutions to make a line transfer within the water fund and to approve a proposed Supplemental Budget for the 2008-09 Fiscal Year; seconded by Brian Kauffman; unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A Staff Report from COG on the Proposed Aggregate Mining Site. Discussion followed. The city does not have a designated truck route. The city would like to have a No Trucks Allowed sign posted on Church Street, excluding Local and Delivery Trucks. This would allow for deliveries and local farm equipment. Gary asked that the letter to be sent to Marion County be changed to state “No trucks on Church Street except local deliveries in Sublimity only. And also install truck route sign now instead of waiting for approval of aggregate mining site. Gene asked for full approval of the council to have Suzanne make changes to the letter to Marion County and send out as soon as possible. All agreed.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Expenditures: Discussion of the Sewer Bill. Gary asked that the City send a letter of admonishment to the City of Stayton informing them that the late and overdue billings are not acceptable. Also the amount of the Salem Golf Cart bill was questioned.

MOTION: Gary Rychard made a motion to approve the expenditures, with the exception of the Salem Golf Cart bill; Van Schoenborn seconded the motion; unanimously approved

- B. Minutes

MOTION: Bob Brundage made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2009 council meeting as presented; Van Schoenborn seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Gene Ditter – 9-1-1 & Sewer – 911 Budget was approved, 2% increase across the board. The City’s portion this year will be \$33,860.00.

Gary Rychard – Police, Personnel and alternate 9-1-1 – Day time curfew ordinance. This would apply to school age children who are on the streets during school hours without permission. Stayton has an ordinance but it does not apply to Sublimity. Will ask Steve to look at this ordinance to present to Council.

Bob Brundage – Planning Commission and Sewer Committee – nothing to report, no Planning Commission Meeting last month.

Van Schoenborn – Parks & Water – Projects are coming up, but nothing to report at this time. Vandalism in the park was earlier reported.

Brian Kauffman – Streets – nothing to report, reminder that ethics (quarterly and annually) are due tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned: 9:25PM